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**Randy Crane**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1965  
Education: Texas 1985 BA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: March 27, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Atlas & Hall, LLP

**Staff**

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**Keith Paty Ellison**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Harvard 1972 AB;  
Oxford (UK) 1974 BA; Yale 1976 JD  
Began Service: August 2, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1976-1977); Law Clerk The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Conner & Winters (1978-1984); Partner, Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton, L.L.P. (1985-1986); Partner, Baker and Botts (1986-1994); Of Counsel, Caddell & Conwell (1994-1996); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Keith P. Ellison (1996-1999)

**Current Memberships:** Yale Law School Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; The American Law Institute; Association of American Rhodes Scholars; Council on Foreign Relations; Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Vanessa D. Gilmore**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Hampton 1977 BS; Houston 1981 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Vickery & Kilbride (1981-1985); Associate, Sue Schechter & Associates (1985-1986); Partner, Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery (1986-1994)

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**Andrew S. Hanen**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Denison 1975 BA; Baylor 1978 JD  
Began Service: June 6, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Briefing Attorney The Honorable Joe Greenhill, Supreme Court of Texas (1978-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Andrews Kurth LLP (1979-1986); Partner, Andrews Kurth LLP (1986-1993); Partner, Hanen, Alexander, Johnson & Spalding, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

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**Melinda Harmon**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1989  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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Houston 1983 PhD, 1987 JD  
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**Ricardo H. Hinojosa**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Texas 1972 BA; Harvard 1975 JD  
Began Service: May 21, 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Chair (Acting), United States Sentencing Commission

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas M. Reavley, Texas Supreme Court (1975-1976)

**Government:** Commissioner, United States Sentencing Commission

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Ewers & Toothaker (1976-1983)

**Staff**

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**Kenneth M. Hoyt**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Texas Southern 1969 AB, 1972 JD  
Began Service: April 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, South Texas College of Law (1981-1982); Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University (1983-1984)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Texas District Court, 125th Civil District (1981-1982); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1985-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones (1972-1975); Partner, Anderson, Hodge, Jones & Hoyt (1975-1979); Partner, Hoyt, Webster & Andrews (1979-1981); Private Practice (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1972-1978)

**Current Memberships:** National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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**Lynn Nettleton Hughes**

District Judge

Education: Alabama 1963 BA; Texas 1966 JD; Virginia 1992 LLM  
Began Service: December 17, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law (1973-2003); Advisor, European Community (1989); Chair, Board of Advisors, Houston Journal of International Law (1989-1999); Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Texas at Austin (1990-1991); Advisor, Republic of Moldova's Constitution (1993); Advisor, Romanian privatization (1997); Advisor, George Mason University (1999)

**Judicial:** Judge, 165th Judicial District of Texas (1979-1980); Judge, 189th Judicial District of Texas (1981-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1966-1972); Partner, Howard & Hughes (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** The American Law Institute; American Society for Legal History; Council on Foreign Relations; State Bar of Texas

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